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FOR EMBASSY DOHA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BEXP, QA

SUBJECT: QATAR PETROCHEMICAL PLANT

REF: KUWAIT 3753

1. REFTEL WAS REFERRED BY USMISSION TO EMBASSY BERN
FOR ACTION.

2. UNION CARBIDE EUROPE S.A. (UCE), GENEVA, INFORMS
EMBASSY IT WAS APPROACHED BY UK PETROLEUM CONSTRUCTION
FIRM C.J. BROWN REGARDING SALE BY UCE OF TECHNOLOGY
(PROBABLY THROUGH A LICENSING AGREEMENT) FOR PRODUCTION
OF ETHYLENE DERIVATIVES IN A PROPOSED NEW PLANT IN
QATAR, AS WELL AS POSSIBLE JOINT PARTICIPATION BY UCE
IN THE PROJECT. UCE IS CONSIDERING SUCH INVOLVEMENT
IN THE PROJECT, BUT REGARDS DISCUSSIONS THUS FAR AS VERY
PRELIMINARY.

3. UCE STRESSED DESIRE TO AVOID HAVING ITS NAME MENTIONED
IN ANY WAY OUTSIDE USG AGENCIES IN CONNECTION WITH
THIS PROJECT, AND IS ESPECIALLY ANXIOUS TO AVOID REPORT
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OF POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT COMING TO ATTENTION OF ANY FIRMS

IN THE INDUSTRY, AMERICAN OR OTHERWISE, BEFORE FIRM
DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AND ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY UCE ITSELF.

4. ACCORDING TO UCE, NELSON SMITH, OF UCE
HAS VISITED QATAR TWICE, ON THE MOST RECENT TRIP ACCCOMPANIED
BY A MR. HESSE OF UCE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT, IN
ORDER FOR THE LATTER TO LOOK INTO SOURCES OF ETHYLENE
FOR SUCH A PROJECT. UCE SOURCE UNDERSTOOD SMITH HAD ON
AT LEAST ONE OCCASION CALLED AT THE BRITISH EMBASSY TO
DISCUSS LOCAL SITUATION.

5. UCE HAD ALREADY PLANNED TO CONTACT EMBASSY DOHA FOR
INFORMATION ON QATAR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION,
STABILITY, ETC.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: UCE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHOM
AT EMBASSY DOHA IT SHOULD CONTACT, AND REQUESTS THAT ANY
INFORMATION WHICH IS AVAILABLE IN WRITTEN FORM BE PASSED
TO EMBASSY BERN FOR TRANSMITTAL TO UCE.

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